Claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21-26, 32, 38-46, and 53 remain pending.
In the RCE Transmittal, Applicant has requested that the Amendment After Final Rejection filed on November 28, 2003 be entered. However, it has been noticed that the paragraphs set forth at page 15, lines 10-18 and from page 15, line 19, to page 16, line 4 in that Amendment contain inadvertent errors.[1] Therefore, those paragraphs are hereby withdrawn without prejudice, and should be replaced with the following respective replacement paragraphs.

The paragraph at page 15, lines 10-18 in the Amendment After Final Rejection should have read as follows:

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--As to predictable data, such data excludes repetitions. Examples of predictable data include block identifiers, wherein the value of an identifier in a sequence of blocks can be determined for a given block knowing the identifier of the first block (page 11, lines 12-14). The octet ID_2 represents the number of the DIF block in the DIF sequence (page 11, lines 32-33). This identifier is dependent on the digital format, and not on the value of the information representing a physical quantity. The identifier is not transmitted, but removed (page 12, lines 9-12). It is reconstituted according to the digital format by incrementing a counter that is reset to '0' at the start of each IF sequence (page 18, lines 6-8).--

Furthermore, the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 19, and ending at page 16, line 4 in the Amendment After Final Rejection should have read as follows:

[1]/The undersigned representative apologizes for any inconvenience caused to the Examiner by those inadvertent errors.

--Accordingly, it can be appreciated in view of the foregoing that the present invention is directed to a method of compressing a digital format that covers several variants, as well as a combination of such variants, which include the removal of reserved fields, <u>fixed data</u> and/or fields that can be retrieved without ambiguity, provided that some information is shared between the sender and the receiver, such as the standard used, the options implemented, etc. See, for example, page 14, lines 20-23 of the specification, which states "the radio frame contained all the reduced video frame and its very structure makes it possible to identify, without ambiguity, the bits of the initial data frame, and their ranking . . . ."--

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the foregoing replacement paragraphs in the context of the remarks set forth in the Amendment After Final Rejection.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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